

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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TRADITIONAL (EVENTING) "A" TEST SHEET

National Examiners will use this form when conducting the A Traditional (Eventing) certification. To achieve the certification candidates must meet the standard in each section. **Examiners must have a copy of the appropriate Standard to use with the test sheet.**

Candidate's Name _____ Name of Pony Club/Riding Center _____

District Commissioner/Center Administrator _____ Region _____

RIDING EXPECTATIONS: *The standard of riding stated here in the Riding Expectations applies to each block of the standard and test sheet. The candidate should maintain a basic balanced position, appropriate to each phase of eventing, with a secure base of support. The candidate shows a confirmed independent seat, based upon a balanced position and a secure base of support that demonstrates effective coordination and timing of the aids on all mounts throughout all phases of the test. In the role of a trainer, the candidate, must competently ride mounts at various stages of training with tact and empathy, displaying confidence and consistent effective performances. After each performance the candidate evaluates the mount's stage of schooling including strengths and weaknesses related to the Training Scale, and offers a plan that can be used to advance the horse's training. All fences not to exceed 3'9".*

DRESSAGE

WARM UP

- Demonstrate an organized, progressive warm up to prepare mount for dressage test
- Perform exercises that incorporate all elements of the Training Scale, producing qualities of collection appropriate to the level
- Discuss and evaluate warm up

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 ___ DNMS
 ___ MS

REQUIRED MOVEMENTS

Apply applicable schooling movements from list below to prepare for the required test

- Free, medium and extended walk
- Medium and collected trot
- Medium and collected canter
- Leg yield
- Shoulder-in
- 10 meter trot and canter circles
- Travers (haunches in)
- Simple change of lead (through walk)
- Counter canter
- Rein back
- Ride without stirrups at all gaits
- Discuss aids used and benefits of required movements

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REQUIRED TEST

- Ride the current USEF Intermediate Eventing Dressage Test A
- Evaluate performance to include: quality of transitions and accuracy of figures, correctness of rhythm, tempo, relaxation, connection, straightness, and collection
- Discuss your position and effectiveness of your aids

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KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

MS = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

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TRAINING ON THE FLAT

- Ride different mount(s) appropriately to the A standard, demonstrating understanding of the Training Scale
- As a trainer, evaluate performance, commenting on techniques used, including strong and weak points of ride
- Discuss characteristics not apparent until the candidate rode mount.
- Discuss training techniques and useful exercises to create a progressive training plan relative to the Training Scale that would benefit mount(s)

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RIDING OVER FENCES**GYMNASTICS**

- Device to measure height and distances of grid/course
- Plan and set up a gymnastic line progressing to 3'9", to be used as an appropriate training aid
- Discuss distances and exercises set
- Ride effectively over gymnastic grid progressing to 3'9", adjusting distances as needed
- Ride through gymnastic grid at 3'6" without stirrups
- Evaluate performance to include: effective use of aids, and how gymnastic work benefited your horse's training

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STADIUM

- Ride a stadium course with majority of fences set at, but not to exceed 3'9". Course will include 10-12 jump efforts
- Evaluate course performance and use of aids to ride horse in balance, rhythm, tempo, and pace
- Discuss exercises that could be used to improve mount's performance

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TRAINING OVER FENCES

- Demonstrate ability to ride unfamiliar mount(s) which may include difficult mount(s)
- Discuss and or demonstrate effectiveness of trotting poles, gymnastic exercises, shape of fences, and the effect or varying distances on the horse's development
- Discuss characteristics not apparent until the candidate rode mount.
- Discuss training techniques and useful exercises to create a progressive training plan relative to the Training Scale that would benefit mount(s)

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RIDING IN THE OPEN (must be done)

- Demonstrate an effective galloping position while riding at an appropriate pace, not to exceed 520 mpm, to show the ability to adapt the pace and balance over varied terrain and obstacles not to exceed 3'7". Obstacles may include ditches, banks, drops, water, or combinations.
- Evaluate performance, pace, and balance, to include training solutions for any disobediences
- Discuss methods used to introduce horse to various types of obstacles, such as: ditches, banks, drops, water, corners, narrow faced fences, brush fences, or combinations

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GENERAL REMARKS

Attitude and maturity for level of testing

Security and confidence for level of testing

Suggestions for improvement

___ Meets Standards

___ Does Not Meet Standard

Signature of Examiners

___ Withdraw

PIP _____

Date Tested _____

Sections requiring retesting:

A candidate may be re-tested ONLY on ONE section of the riding test. (If the candidate does not pass one section and is successful in all other parts of the test, the candidate may retest that one section).

- All retests must take place by December 1st of the following year.
- Retest must be recommended by original Examiner.
- See retest procedures on Pony Club website/National Testing Page

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____

Examiner for Retest (PRINT NAME) _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____